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SUBJECT: CSCE: SUB-COMMITTEE ON MILITARY SECURITY (CBMS):  
CONCEPT OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY

SUMMARY SEVERAL NEUTRAL DELS, PLUS TURKS, ARE  
PRESSING FOR CSCE PRONOUNCEMENT OF "PRINCIPLE"  
THAT VIENNA TALKS SHOULD NOT DIMINISH THE SECURITY  
OF ANY EUROPEAN STATE, WHETHER IT PARTICIPATES IN  
THOSE TALKS OR NOT. SOVIETS HAVE COUNTERED THIS  
BY STICKING TO LANGUAGE OF THEIR DRAFT GENERAL  
DECLARATION AND EMPHASIZING THAT OBJECTIVE OF  
VIENNA TALKS IS TO STRENGTHEN PEACE THROUGH OUT  
EUROPE. IN CORRIDORS, ROMANIANS HAVE PARSED FOR  
US POSITION AND IN SUCH CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE  
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SIMILARLY NOTED THAT VIENNA TALKS AIM AT

STRENGTHENING PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AS A WHOLE.  
AT THIS STAGE IN CSCE WORK, HOWEVER, THIS LINE IS  
UNLIKELY TO SATISFY NEUTRALS AND WE EXPECT THEY  
WILL CONTINUE PRESSING THEIR ARGUMENTS. END SUMMARY

1. AT RECENT MEETINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON MILITARY  
SECURITY, THE MISGIVINGS WHICH SEVERAL DELEGATIONS  
HAVE ABOUT MBFR HAVE PROMPTED THEM TO PROPOSE THAT  
CSCE ENDORSE IN SOME FASHION THE "PRINCIPLE" THAT  
THE VIENNA TALKS NOT DIMINISH THE SECURITY OF  
ANY EUROPEAN STATE. YUGOSLAVS AND ROMANIANS HAVE  
BEEN IN FOREFRONT OF THIS EFFORT, AND TURKS HAVE  
DISTRIBUTED TO NATO DELS A DRAFT DECLARATION ALONG  
THESE LINES (GENEVA 5676).

2. IN RESPONSE, SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES HAVE DRAWN  
ATTENTION TO PARAGRAPH IN DRAFT GENERAL DECLARATION  
TABLED BY USSR AT HELSINKI WHICH EXPRESSED HOPE THAT  
"THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES  
AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE, WHICH ARE BEING  
CONDUCTED IN A SEPARATE FORUM ON THE BASIS OF THE  
PRINCIPLE OF NON-PREJUDICE TO THE SECURITY OF THE  
PARTICIPATING STATES, WILL LEAD TO POSITIVE RESULTS  
CORRESPONDING TO THE INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING PEACE  
IN EUROPE".

3. IN TURN, YUGOSLAVS, ROMANIANS AND TURKS HAVE  
PRESSED FOR CLARIFICATION OF WHETHER THE  
"PARTICIPATING STATES" CITED IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH  
SHOULD BE TAKEN TO MEAN CSCE PARTICIPANTS (AS THEY  
WOULD LIKE) OR (AS THEY SUSPECT) MERELY MBFR  
PARTICIPANTS. GDR REP DECLINED TO BE DRAWN OUT ON  
THIS POINT, BUT AT NOV 13 MEETING, POLISH REP WENT  
SO FAR AS TO SAY (IN AN OFF-THE-CUFF REMARK) THAT THE PHRASE DID  
COVER CSCE  
PARTICIPANTS. AT NOV 15 MEETING, SOVIET AMB  
MENDELEVICH AVOIDED SUPPORTING POLISH STATEMENT  
AND SOUGHT TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON FACT THAT MAIN  
THRUST OF SOVIET DRAFT PARAGRAPH IS EXPRESSION OF  
HOPE THAT VIENNA TALKS WILL LEAD TO POSITIVE  
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RESULTS CORRESPONDING TO THE INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING  
PEACE "IN EUROPE". HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS MEANS  
ALL OF EUROPE.

4. US DEL HAS NOT ENTERED INTO THESE EXCHANGES AT  
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS BUT IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS  
ROMANIANS HAVE PRESSED US FOR US POSITION. WE HAVE  
TAKEN LINE SIMILAR TO MENDELEVICH'S, STICKING TO THE

TEXT OF THE JUNE 28 VIENNA COMMUNIQUE ON THE MBFR  
PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS. IN CONVERSATIONS, WE  
HAVE NOTED FACT THAT COMMUNIQUE APPLIES THE  
PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY TO THE PARTIES  
TO THE VIENNA TALKS, BUT WE'VE EMPHASIZED THAT  
COMMUNIQUE ALSO RECORDS AGREEMENT THAT GENERAL  
OBJECTIVE OF VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE TO CONTRIBUTE  
TO A MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP AND TO THE STRENGTHENING  
OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE, I. E., EUROPE AS A  
WHOLE. THIS LINE, HOWEVER, IS UNLIKELY TO SATISFY  
ROMANIANS OR YUGOSLAVS AT THIS STAGE AND WE EXPECT  
THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE PRESSING FOR SOME CSCE  
PRONOUNCEMENT THAT VIENNA TALKS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED  
ON PRINCIPLE OF NOT DIMINISHING SECURITY OF ANY  
EUROPEAN STATE, PARTICIPATING OR NON-PARTICIPATING.  
ON BROADER QUESTION OF CSCE/MBFR RELATIONSHIP, WE  
HAVE STRESSED IN TWO STATEMENTS TO SUB-COMMITTEE THAT  
US CANNOT ACCEPT IDEA OF ANY CSCE PROPRIETARY  
RELATIONSHIP TOWARDS MBFR NOR ANY INSTITUTIONALIZED  
INFORMATION LINK.  
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